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LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION FOR LOSS DUE TO FLOODS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the rate of compensation for damaged crops and waiver of loans in recently affected States due to floods;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): In accordance with the items and norms of expenditure for assistance from relief funds in the wake of natural calamities viz. Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), which were revised in June, 2007, input subsidy is admissible to small and marginal farmers for crop loss of 50% and above at the rate of Rs.2000/- per hectare in rainfed areas, Rs.4000/- per hectare for areas under assured irrigation and Rs.6000/- per hectare for all types of perennial crops. Input subsidy is also admissible at the above rates to farmers, other than small and marginal farmers, subject to a ceiling of 1 hectare per farmer for natural calamity occurring for the first time and upto 2 hectares per farmer for successive calamities, irrespective of the size of holding. There is, at present, no proposal to increase the rate and parameters for waiver of loans.